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SUBJ: AIRCRAFT QUEEN AIR N-77AD

REF: A-280, 6/7/74

1. AIRCRAFT DEPARTED VILLAHERMOSA, STATE OF TABASCO, AT 2045 HOURS ON JUNE 17, 1974, WITH FLIGHT PLAN FILED FOR TAMPICO. AIRCRAFT OVERFLEW TAMPICO AND LANDED AT BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS.

2. PILOT DID 'NOT' INFORM TAMPICO OF CHANGE IN FLIGHT PLAN WITH RESULT MEXICAN AUTHORITIES AND 'USCG' LAUNCHED SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSION. TO COMPLICATE MATTERS, AIRPORT AUTHORITIES (PRESUMABLY FAA FLIGHT SERVICE) AT BROWNSVILLE AT FIRST REPORTED TO MEXICAN AUTHORITIES THAT THEY HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT'S RETURN TO USA. ONLY AFTER SECOND CHECK BY MATAMOROS CONSULAR PERSONNEL WAS AIRCRAFT'S SAFE ARRIVAL CONFIRMED.

3. PILOT CITED BY MEXICAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES FOR TWO VIOLATIONS: (A) DEPARTING MEXICO WITHOUT CLEARANCE THROUGH AN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, AND (B) FAILURE TO CONTACT TAMPICO OR OTHER MEXICAN CIVIL AVIATION STATIONS OR AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL OF HIS CHANGE IN DESTINATION.

4. THIS IS SECOND INCIDENT OF THIS TYPE WITHIN A MONTH (FIRST INCIDENT REPORTED BY LETTER JUNE 12 TO C.H. DUDLEY, EG/TT/AV) AND MEXICAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES ARE PROTESTING VIGOROUSLY.

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5. IT IS ELEMENTARY KNOWLEDGE THAT ANY AIRCRAFT DEPARTING MEXICO ONLY CAN DO SO FROM AN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AFTER CLEARANCE CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION. EMBASSY BELIEVES DISCIPLINARY ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN BY APPROPRIATE US AUTHORITIES FOR THOSE US PILOTS WHO VIOLATE THIS BASIC RULE.

6. PILOT OF SUBJECT AIRCRAFT WAS ONE CHARLES PARKS. OWNER OF AIRCRAFT, WHO WAS ALSO ON BOARD, IS ROSS A. SEARS, PRESIDENT, COBRA LEASING CORP., 5959 WEST LOOP SOUTH, SUITE 464, BEL AIRE, TEXAS.
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